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Oxazolidinone Compounds

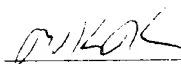
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**ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE IN RESPONSE  
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action dated March 20, 2003, in which the Examiner advanced a second restriction requirement alleging that pending claims 1-58 are directed not to eight different inventions as alleged in the restriction requirement of August 13, 2002; but to 16 different inventions. The Office Action set a shortened statutory period of one month for the response. As April 20, 2003 fell on a Saturday, this response is timely filed on April 21, 2002. Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction requirement in view of the following remarks.